

him? Why, something less than two thousand dollars!
The question almost blushes at the absurdity of
the reply. yet for this paltry sum according to
the theory of Gentlemen he is to barter his good
name and reputation and become a willing slave
at the ~~car~~ shrine of two thousand Dollars. Why, Sir,
if that assignment was made for purposes of
speculation, did he content himself with a
sum so insignificant in comparison with what
he might have taken from you with all ease
and with perfect safety. - Why, when in possession
of the means, and his credit well established, if
his intentions were dishonest didn't he go to Boston
pay you in part for the ^{old} debt and getting goods
for a large amount, make enough, if you can
bring down reputation to a comparison with
Dollars and cents, to indemnify him, in part,
at least for the loss of it. Is not this the course
dishonest motives would have suggested. Is not that
the course Mr. Pinn would have pursued if his
intentions had been other than good. For your
suspicions with regard to the course he had
pursued you are not by any means to be
blamed. That you should indulge such doubts
is perfectly natural. For being absent yourself
from the scene of action, you were obliged
to depend entirely upon the opinions of others
advanced at random and without the least
knowledge of his business. But why, you enquire,
should disinterested persons advance such an
opinion unless good reason existed for the belief.